

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) functioning in the country State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the said health centres in the country including Maharashtra are facing the acute shortage of doctors and other staff and the buildings are reportedly in a dilapidated condition;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) : The details of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) functioning in the country including Maharashtra as per Rural Health Statistics Bulletin (RHS) 2014 is placed at Annexure -1.

(b) & (c): The State/UT wise information including that of Maharashtra regarding the shortage of doctors and other staff as per Rural Health Statistics Bulletin (RHS) 2014 at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) is placed at Annexure - II. Public health being a State subject, information on condition of buildings of PHCs is not maintained by Government of India (GOI).

(d): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure proper staffing of public facilities and to provide the requisite health infrastructure lies with the State Governments. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for augmenting health human resource and for construction/renovation of Public Health facilities, based on the requirements posed by State/ UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Further, to increase the availability of doctors, several initiatives have been taken to rationalize the norms in medical education, such as relaxation in land requirements, bed strength, increase in ceiling for maximum intake for undergraduates, enhancement of teacher-student ratio in Post Graduate Courses, etc which has resulted in substantial increase in number of undergraduate and post graduate seats. Government has also approved setting up of ANM/GNM Schools in different States.